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**Readers Guide**

**The Role of the Federal Courts Ch. 10 sec. 1 p. 266-270**

**Part I – Vocabulary**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**1. Type of case where a court determines whether a person accused of breaking the law is innocent or guilty.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**2. Case where the court settles a disagreement

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**3. The party who brings a complaint in a civil case

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**4. The party who has to answer for a complaint in a civil case

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**5. In a criminal case, it’s the government body that brings charges against someone

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**6. His job is to apply the law to the conflict between the defendant and prosecution

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**7. Decides the facts of a case (who wins) in many legal cases

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**8. Court decision that becomes a guideline to how all similar cases should be decided in the future.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**9. The court that holds the authority to hear a case first.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**10. To ask a higher court to review a decision and possibly overturn the decision

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**11. When a court has the authority to hear an appeal

**Organization of the Federal Courts Ch. 10 sec. 2 p. 271-274**

**Part I – Vocabulary**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**12. This article of the Constitution created the framework for the federal courts

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**13. This 1789 law created the lower courts of the federal system.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**14. These courts of original jurisdiction handle about 80% of federal cases

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**15. These courts hear appeals from the District courts

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**16. The highest court in the federal court system.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**17. It serves as the final court of appeals for all cases.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**18. The length of the term for a federal judge.

**Part II – Fill in the blank**

19. In District courts \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are called, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ directs the proceedings and

a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ normally decides the facts of a case

20. In the Courts of Appeals, lawyers from the defendant and prosecution make arguments in front of a

panel of three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; who can decide either to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the lower

court’s decision or to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.